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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") issued in the corresponding international application. The reference cited in the IPER was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant. The International Bureau of WIPO has deemed that claims 1-4 have novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00234-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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